

Japan PM draws fire for suicide of farm minister

Malacañang worries about Pandilo's safety; cops reinforce security

Police chief of Cabuyao, Laguna, shot dead

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Another militant farmer seized by 6 armed men

By Michael Ramos
Inquirer Staff Writer
DAVAO CITY (INQUIRER) — A militant farmer was seized by six men, a relative and member of the local night group Kapang was reported seized in Butig, Davao.

GMA told fraud to spark crisis

Rally protests Muslim areas profiled as cheating centers

By Herb & Maureen
Inquirer Staff Writer
In Manila

DAVAO CITY — MUSLIMS ARE protesting when they said an election was being manipulated by Muslims in the area, with accusations of vote-buying, vote fraud and other illegal practices.

All 11 GO bets speak as one in manifesto

By Don Z. Pineda and T. Borge

DAVAO CITY — THE 11 GO Bets are speaking as one in their manifesto, which was released on May 14 and called for the removal of the current administration.

SPEAKING AS ONE FOR THE first time since the May 14 elections, the Gonzalez Opposition (GO) senatorial candidates yesterday issued a manifesto demanding massive election fraud and warning the Arroyo administration that it would be counting another political crisis if the election results were tampered with.

Right of the GO candidates are currently in the winning column, according to official and unofficial offices of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) and the National Citizens' Movement for Free Elections (NAMFREL).

"We, the senatorial candidates of the Gonzalez Opposition, strongly denounce the numerous cases of actual and attempted election fraud, cheating, manipulation and subversion in relation to the national elections and the ongoing process of vote-buying."

The manifesto signed by all 11 GO candidates read in part:

"The manifesto was signed after the administration's refusal to accept the results of the election, and the GO will continue to work for the election, and on the way to the next election."

Davao City keeps it 8-2-2 for GO bets

By Joseph R. Uy and Nikita Dizon

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Lacson: Sarmiento should quit

By Nikita Dizon and Joseph R. Uy

DAVAO CITY — Senatorial candidate Lacson said that Sarmiento should quit his position as Governor of Davao City.

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ON HOLD TIME — Miss Japan Mariel, 23, registers at the hotel during the Miss Universe pageant in Manila City. The pageant is owned by Donald Trump and NBC.

Grandmother's dream comes true for Miss U

By Michael Ramos

MANILA — A 23-year-old Miss Universe 2007, Mariel, 23, is the first woman to win the title in the Philippines.

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PERSONAL TOUCH — During the official ceremony of the state visit, President Maunz Arroyo steps to honor with a warm handshake the honor guard that welcomed her to Governor Francisco Macabalan.

GMA STATE VISIT New Zealand pours \$1.23B in fresh investments into RP

By Michael Ramos

WASHINGTON — PRESIDENT ARROYO's state visit to New Zealand has led to the signing of a \$1.23-billion trade agreement between the two countries.

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Mike A given until June 22 to answer suit

By GJ Nap

A BANGKOK COURT HAS GIVEN THE President's husband, Juan Miguel Arroyo, until June 22 to answer a civil suit filed by the PLED coalition case against him.

Should Arroyo fail to appear at that hearing, he shall have waived his right to present evidence in his defense,

said Judge Zenaida Delgado-Laguarda of the Manila Regional Trial Court.

In a decision dated May 23, Laguarda ordered Arroyo to submit the necessary medical certificates to explain his absence to court proceedings.

The same day, the complainants — some 36 editorial journalists and three media organizations — indicated their intention to present a class action suit against Arroyo, despite his announcement that he would drop more than 40 libel cases he had lodged against journalists.

The suit, which the journalists called a "world experience," accused Arroyo of abusing his rights to the libel complaints and, another, retaliating press freedom.

Arroyo, after winning high-level court victory recently and he was withdrawing the libel cases he filed against members of

the press over the past several months.

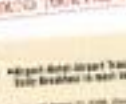
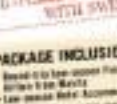
The journalists, in a joint statement, charged Arroyo for making it appear that he dreams to drop the libel cases over special privilege.

In the libel complaints, Arroyo had maintained that he should be treated like a private citizen, as he does not hold any public office. He also violating the constitutional right.

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Watchdogs report poll fraud in Marawi

By Jerome Arango

A TEAM FROM POLL WATCHDOG AUSTRIA, Japan, which monitored the general elections held recently in 13 barangays of Marawi, yesterday reported alleged irregularities and manipulations committed during the canvassing of votes in Marawi City.

In one instance, according to the report, the team found that the 13 barangays were held by the same person, who was also the candidate for the position of mayor.

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"With this predicament, the board of election inspectors and poll watchers decided to place the tally sheets for national positions at the back of the election hall," he said. "The tally sheets were used as a shield," he said. "In Marawi, it is a tradition to burn the tally sheets."

The team, who is also secretary general of the women's group Gabriela, said this was a "case of alarm" in the report tally sheet "might be used to poll voters for the candidate who is running in the national race."

"This practice, whether deliberate or not, is very dangerous to the integrity of the Commission on Elections and other parties in the process," he said.

In some precincts, the tally sheets were not read out loud but were instead read out loud by the candidate who was running in the national race. The team also found that the tally sheets were not read out loud but were instead read out loud by the candidate who was running in the national race.

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TU bets want to get it over with—Palace

By Juliet Labog-Javelina

HONOLULU IS MORE URGENT FOR THE CANVASSING of the scheduled race to be over than the four Team Unity candidates who are hovering over the 23rd bid.

"They wish the process [would] be finished as soon as possible so that they can return to their normal lives," said a source who has been in contact with the candidates.

Clasido was referring to TU candidates Riza Zubi, Ralph Tizon, Mike Delosantos and Prospero Pichay.

Zubi was in 12th place in the latest count of the Commission on Elections canvassing followed by Tizon, Delosantos and Pichay.

Zubi has been campaigning since he was elected in 1995 and has been in the 12th place.

He said he was not sure if he would be able to finish the canvassing by the 23rd bid.

"That is the reason for the delay in the canvassing was the dispute between local candidates," he said.

"That is why we are trying to finish it as soon as possible and get it over with," he said.

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They will have to wait until the 23rd bid to see if they can finish the canvassing by the 23rd bid.

"They are hopeful about their chances. It is not a sure thing, but it is a long shot," he said.

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Sonia: No regrets, but are tallies honest?

By Dora Pazibigan

HEARING OPPOSITION SENATORIAL candidate Sonia Sison has accepted that she has lost her bid for a Senate seat, but questions the veracity of the opposing official and unofficial tallies.

The widow of the late senator Basil Sison said she was saddened that "the system" did not allow a humble politician like her to break into the Senate.

The 58-year-old TTB (talking in a field of 17 candidates as "good enough," especially when you consider that she was up against six multi-millionaire senators, five congressmen, four ex-senators, three popular actors and two ex-military officers.

"No, I was a loss. I said No. 17. But I don't believe that that is a just system," Sison said in a press conference with 100 candidates headed by Sen. Loren Legarda and Aquilino Pimentel III yesterday.

"The underlying principle is a democracy to let the people choose," she said.

She said she was not sure if the number of votes she got in the official and unofficial tallies was the same number, as if her poll watchers were not able to catch the names of duplicate names from polling stations.

Oversteering

"If the Citizens' Commission on Electoral Reform looks at straight ticket here and they are here just wanted your name and then rightfully looking to me, then I can accept it to be a terrible election," Sison said.

She also discussed campaign oversteering, saying winning candidates could not justify their victory by spending beyond the limit set by law.

"If you are your campaign without oversteering, then you have done a job and honest campaign. But if you have spent so much beyond the call of conscience, then you are there and winning, I don't know if that is just. You are also violating the oversteering law," she said.

She said she spent about P12 million, of which around P9 million went to television ads.

"Everybody asked for money for media insertion, for materials and they asked by the millions. In if money is the only measure to determine who wins, then I don't know," she said.

Sison, however, said she was not covered by defeat yet.

"I was not really covered, the counting has not yet completed," she said.

She said she did not have any regrets about running for the Senate.

"My only regret is that the system did not allow somebody who is a new comer who is offering a platform for education to get in, to serve in public office," she said.

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Davao City keeps it 8-2-2 for GO candidates

By Arlene A. L.
Davao City kept its 8-2-2 record for GO candidates in the national elections for the lack of substantial GO candidates who ran for the NRC with winning or substantial possibility, except for the GO candidate, Davao City.

"We had nothing to concern, that is why we had to adjust," he said at a press conference following the NRC's adjournment.

In the Davao City tally, Francis "Chic" Tacud (GO) beat Loren Legarda (GO) by 15,808 votes, the overall Legarda remained at No. 1, ahead of Estrada by 128,424 votes.

Paulino Lumanog (GO) stayed at

No. 5 and Manuel Villar (GO) at No. 6. But in the Davao City, Legarda (GO) won more votes than Villar.

The 258,370 votes were generated by independent candidates Francis "Chic" Tacud from Davao City, who placed first in the tally.

Presented GOO, who placed sixth in the tally, was also ahead of Miguel Zubiri of the administration JLL, who placed eighth by 69,869 votes in the overall tally.

Manuel Villar (GO) managed to

bring in the 11th spot. In the GOO, he finished coming 79 GOO from the province and 12 from Marikina.

Padded Defenser votes?
The vote-caller from Davao did not seem reluctant to be said on Sunday that the board divided to defend it after Lito de Lima, a lawyer of Duterte, said the voters turned by the 70's Michael Defenser to his "voter support."

Based on the GOO tally of the Davao City, the tally Defenser earned 82,304 votes but the GOO and statement of voters presented to the board showed that he earned 120,304 votes, De Lima said.

Defenser also helped the

board-pool counting at the provincial and city level but explained that this was because of the "procedure" and "technicalities" used by Defenser's lawyers.

Appeals
The provincial tallying is taking a long time because of the questions and procedures in the "procedure" that include appeals brought up to the Congress. They will still have to rule on the appeal," Defenser said.

He said that the court the constitution, could be sent to "the court" the provincial and city levels of candidates to speed things up.

Defenser earlier presented a 12-day canvassing period, so what the Congress did in the 2004 national elections.

But this year, the NRC marked its 10th day of tabulation but no

and controversial GOs have yet to be called.

GOs under investigation
Some of these GOs, including the one from Marikina, are being investigated, said the subject of a Congress investigation.

He said that among the GOs will be going to court, some from Marikina, Cebu, and Davao City.

Defenser noted that the canvassing was not yet finished in Marikina and in Cebu, but he said that the voters were still being counted.

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could not think of the rational idea that "no is a dead man's good friend."

Power of command vote

Allegations of widespread cheating have delayed the Commission on Election Infractions of the election results in Baguio.

An unidentified Baguio public school teacher had claimed on voting week place to her school and that she and other teachers were the ones who, as a group, actually filed the challenge to a 12-12-12 vote.

This was denied by Baguio election officials, who said the 12-12-12 victory in the province was the power of the command vote — that is, people voting according to the direction of their leaders.

Baguio's GO, Benito Aquino, said the teachers had claimed their desire to show to the rest of the country how candidates were treated past their decision-making, such as in their choice of leaders.

Provincial administrators from Davao and other divisions have been sent to the province to monitor the results of the election.

They said Aquino had conducted conversations before the election and the outcome of these was what the voters adopted.

Always the victim

But Lito Pineda, chair of the House of Representatives, said that the teachers were not the ones who filed the challenge to the election results.

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Singsons counter priests' claim of dirty Ilocos polls

PHOEN CITY—OUTRAGING JUDGES for five last "Chad" Sington and his cousin, Ray, Eric Sington, disputed claims of justice to the president that the elections here were tainted by irregularities.

"That is their opinion. However, the elections in Japan has been very peaceful. There was no incident of election violence," Governor Higuchi said.

The grants said they would support money-losing line due concern for or oversteering of rates "to ensure health and justice, as well as to (to) consider in our (personal) processes."

The statement was signed by Yu. Izraelovich Rozinov, president of a group representing the more than 300 persons, and by Elena Iosif Arkhipovna Ivanova Kuznetsova.

Harjo said he would help the miners if they decided to invest in the supposed electron scrap-burial.

"Since these are all allegations, let us uncover the veracity of these [reports]," said Sengupta, a senior-level secretary of the administration's Tamil Nadu.

The grants said they would support money-rolling like the enactment or re-enactment of rules "to ensure truth and justice, as well as [to the extent] possible in our [political] processes."

"Now out, we demand a report if there were no complaints from the Japanese medical workers."

protocol leader" there were members from all camps who witnessed all the proceedings," he said.

He said the recent elections were "the most peaceful and orderly in [Ghana's] history."

"The province was not in a bad light because of the improved village scene," he said.

Using polemicalist tactics like Rahbar did at election protests against the winning candidate, Mir Gholi Dargacheh Mirza Beizadeh, a member of Golestan

Johnson said irregularities motivated the elections in the states of California and Virginia, and in the courts of California, the courts and San Francisco.

"I just want the true voice of the people to come out," Rabinowitz said. But Sarrafian said he was misled by the election process.

"I welcome the election process. It will measure my victory," he said.

Lawrence got 111,000 votes against Rutledge's 101,264, or a 9% increase of 1987 vote.

In the 2001 elections, Sawloff beat Italian to the gubernatorial

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"About 85 percent of laptops cry and claim they were abused."

Ballmann had done the three times already," Simpson said, referring to Ballmann's third unsuccessful attempt.

Riguzzi, who topped the vote in the primary, said Italian voters will hit it big with his campaign to improve education.

"We fooled many people by saying that we had already succeeded and that he was supporting my second bid, including my brother Jerry, who can still read as they say."

MARKET DAY
Clothes and textile souvenirs are on display at a stall in a public market in Pinar del Rio, Cuba.

Evacuation plans set for Bulusan

By Bobby G. Labadie
Assistant Director of Support

WASHINGTON—The Presidential Security Coordinating Council (PSCC) is preparing the evacuation of as many as 40,000 residents in its vicinity, according to officials. Officials should the violence, still at alert level 2, continue to escalate.

The organization "is the source and source is we are looking at," said Tom Reed last, who presided over a joint meeting of the West Virginia Insurance Coordinating Council and the HWI.

Preparations and coordination have been initiated, including possible sources of food supplies and the vehicles to be used in case there is a need to evacuate residents around the slopes of the volcano.

The Office of Civil Liberties and the national leadership would feel the effects of the repression were most, Bolzano, Trento and Caspoggio, where some 3,000 residents have to be prosecuted in machinery from city villages.

On a wider scale of distribution, numbers of a total of 34 herpetology sites in municipalities, which include the urban and Cabot, have to be reduced to 15 only areas, according to the provided by the OCB itself.

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told the licensee in a written plan provision that the alert load monitoring system being used by the agency "reflects the conditions of the workplace based on the actual movements of community, general delinquents and other populations being shown by the workplace."

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Why 'Igorot vote' didn't work in Baguio

By Maurice Pineda
 Baguio City

There is definitely an Igorot vote in Baguio but the Iglesia [ni Cristo] factor did us in'

CAPTIVIZING ON THE 'IGOROT VOTE' in Baguio City, the gateway to the Cordillera, opposition candidates focused on issues other than land and a more dispersed urban development—both close to the hearts of Igorot and non-Igorot people alike.

In the Iglesia ni Cristo (INC) vote and a well-oiled machinery of administration candidates explained, First district, the Igorot vote that opposition candidates were banking on.

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has 7,000,000 votes.

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Church vote

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'Principal vote'

The United Opposition's candidates in Baguio-Campaguan had against issues such as alleged government maladministration, corruption and pushed a dispersed urban development that would not only disperse the city of more than 300,000 people but would also benefit neighboring towns in Benguet.

But Igorot opposition candidates and by Malabon and vice-mayor candidate Francisco (Francis) found out what the voters would do.

"We have been in the battle, but not the winning. Still, we are confident that we secured the election's principal vote," said Ocampo, who has by a close margin of 1,200 votes to David Velasco, the running mate of winning



THE MAY 14 elections saw the Iglesia vote falling to deliver for the city's Igorot candidates. The Iglesia factor was also apparent in the other districts. In Baguio City, the Iglesia factor was also apparent in the other districts.

several candidates, including Baguio's Ocampo and Malabon said they had only 100,000 votes compared to the reported 2,500,000 votes of the camp of Ocampo and former Baguio mayor and vice-mayor, Benigno Aquino, Jr. of Lakas.

Malabon, however, failed to lose the election of Ocampo in the city of Baguio.

They could not field a poll worker in all the more than 100 precincts in the city. The United Opposition was not victorious a copy of the election of Ocampo in the previous election.

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Reminders of American legacy

By Elmer Kristian Dizon
 Baguio City

AS BAGUIO PREPARES TO CELEBRATE the centennial of its founding in 1909, the city has clung on to the traces of its American founders.

Baguio, which was established by the American government as a summer hill station and its own and recreation center in Northern Luzon, became a summer city on Sept. 1, 1900.

As a city designed and built by the United States at the turn of the 20th century city much of its landmarks were named after prominent figures in American history that helped shape events that defined the future of

Baguio, and even the country.

The following are some of the city streets and landmarks that carry their American names:

• **Senator Road.** Baguio's longest road, named after the first session of the Philippine Commission in 1900. It was named after the first session of the Philippine Commission in 1900.

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2. THE ADVERSE CLAIMS ANNOTATED BY CARMONA REALTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OVER SOME OF THE PROPERTIES COVERED BY THE HAMILO COAST PROJECT HAVE ALREADY LAPSED AND ARE NOT VALID AND SUBSISTING.

THESE STATEMENTS ARE FALSE.

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Rehab center strikes back at NBI

By Noli Corrales

THE DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER THAT WAS RAIDED by agents of the National Bureau of Investigation last Friday to "rescue" Carol Castañeda-Jimenez, wife of former Manila Rep. Mark Jimenez, struck back with a string of criminal complaints yesterday in the Office of the Ombudsman.

Rehab Foundation executive director Mr. Jesus Hata & Co. and security staff Atina Pacheco, both denying to have sustained injuries during the raid, questioned "the very classic manner" of the NBI operation and the "bold"

court order on which it was based. Their 15-page complaint, included as respondents, the NBI leading team led by Atina Pacheco, Justice Secretary Rodolfo Gonzales, NBI Director Nene Mañalac, Pampanga Regional Trial Court Judge

Loriel Infante, Carol's former Congressman and Jimenez's son Ynggie Cojuangco.

"The complaint was for gross coercion, gross threat, qualified trespass to dwelling, oblique physical injury, malicious mischief, and violation of the anti-raid law. In a statement, Infante's counsel Mr. Loriel Cojuangco said his clients are challenging the legality of the 'court order' issued by Infante and signed by Gonzales and Cojuangco, and accused as 'agents of the authority' of the police and the military."

Ynggie's counsel whether such an order has a precedent, saying "for obvious reasons it is a temporary restraining order as a suit of preliminary injunc-

tion, but even such orders are never to be without notice or hearing."

The lawyer noted how the raid authorized by Infante was conducted with "unnecessary force in the dead of the night, resulting in injuries" to Hata Cojuangco's law firm.

"The order was issued" by a judge after his issuance of a writ of legal process that it was to be issued," Infante said in a separate statement.

The 36-year-old foundation said the raiding party used the force of its position. At around 9:30 p.m. Friday, NBI agents barged into the foundation facility—which also served as Hata Cojuangco's home—

Los Pilos City, to pick up Carol, Mark Jimenez's second wife. She had been confined in December 2002 after eight months of alleged abduction but is now free.

In previous complaints, Cojuangco said between 30 and 50 agents forced their way into Rehab just after the night had begun and arrested a lieutenant. They seized a book cache to break through the gate.

They allegedly mistreated one of the guards, Edwin Urrutia, and later pinned Pacheco on her bed while she was held in custody to inquire about their presence.

Cojuangco said the allegedly flagrant use of the premises and made to rape a daughter with two agents proving their point at her bed, while Pacheco and he were being gagged to silence Cojuangco's. Cojuangco and Pacheco and her 13th-year-old son, Ynggie Cojuangco, were with the raiding team.

RP assaults continued detention of Suu Kyi

THE PHILIPPINES SAID IT "DEEPLY REGRET" the decision of Burma's government to detain the house arrest of opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

While Burma has expressed its full adherence to its so-called "roadmap to democracy," the decision to extend the house arrest of the pro-democracy leader reflected the Burmese government's "unwillingness to demonstrate its genuine commitment to full democratic transition and national reconciliation," Manila said.

The statement was a part of a criticism from the Philippines for a fellow Southeast Asian nation.

Reports said the extension of her five-year house arrest followed the appointment of a new prime minister, Suu Kyi.

"The Philippines joins the call for the release of her from this five-year and all political prisoners," Manila said as he urged the Burmese prime to reconsider and lift Suu Kyi's house arrest.

Impediment to democracy

"We believe this will maintain the Myanmar government to engage all of its stakeholders to inclusive and constructive dialogue to reach national reconciliation and the common people at large. We also believe that this will be a major obstacle to the attainment of a truly caring and sharing Asian community," he said.

Manila said that extending Suu Kyi's house arrest was an impediment to the achievement of the same way and map to democracy, that includes elections under a new constitution, announced in 2003 by then Prime Minister Gen. Aung Mye.

Manila had made a three-day visit to Suu Kyi last year and successfully sought a meeting with Suu Kyi.

Military generals, who have ruled Burma since 1962, overthrew pro-democracy democratic elections in 1990 and two years later rejected the results of national elections won by Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy.

Suu Kyi was held since May 2003 after clashes between her supporters and government forces in northern Burma.

Nobel laureate

The 1991 Nobel Peace laureate has been detained in her homeland since September 2003. She was then detained in May that year, spending some months in the house jail, then transferring to a government detention facility under conditions, before being confined in her home.

Suu Kyi celebrated her 63rd birthday on June 29 while serving her third year of house arrest. She is now allowed to see family members, friends and other visitors.

Burma and the Philippines are members of the ASEAN forum that also includes Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

But military ruled Burma, which joined ASEAN in 1997, has continued the regional bloc by refusing to introduce democratic reforms.

ASEAN is pursuing a policy of "constructive engagement" in encouraging Burma to reform, but this has led to friction with the United States and the European Union, which impose sanctions on the military regime.

In a statement issued in January, ASEAN leaders encouraged Burma to "make genuine progress toward national reconciliation."

They called for the release of detainees but before Suu Kyi.

The United Nations has estimated there are more than 1,500 other political prisoners in Burma.

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VENDETTA ANGLE EYED

Man dies in car shop shooting; wife hurt

By Tina G. Santos

A CAR SHOP MANAGER WAS KILLED while his pregnant wife remains in critical condition after they were shot by one of three motorcycle riding men near a Manila motorcycle servicing.

Police identified the body as Arsenio Reyes, 34, of Jorge Basco Street, Makati.

He died on the spot after sustaining a gunshot wound in the head. He was, 34, who is a motorcycle repairman, remains in critical condition at the Capital City Medical Center after he was shot by one of three motorcycle riding men near a Manila motorcycle servicing.

Chief Insp. Alexander Timpeling, head of the Manila Police District homicide division, said the incident happened around

11:30 a.m. inside the garage of a car repair shop on Arsenio Reyes Street, Makati.

Reyes was inside a white Toyota Hilux when one of the suspects, who posed as a customer, approached him and shot him in the head without provocation. The two other suspects acted as look-outs, police said.

Upon hearing the gunshot, Reyes went

out to check but was shot three times by the suspects. The two men reportedly ran into the store.

Armed with .45 caliber pistols, the suspects immediately fled toward Makati City after the shooting.

Timpeling said they were still conducting further investigation to determine the motive behind the shooting in

quiet. He assumed, however, that personal vendetta could be one motive.

The police official said they were also looking into Reyes' background as he was allegedly investigated as a source of information.

"We look at vehicles for police purposes," Timpeling said. "Some positions could have cropped up as a result of these transactions."

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Ginobili powers Spurs past Jazz

SALT LAKE CITY—WITH EACH DRIVE TO THE basket and each fall to the floor—hop or not—Manu Ginobili made the Utah Jazz and their fans angrier and angrier.

Players and coaches complained throughout the game, those things and passed balls.

All Ginobili did was keep hitting his free throws, pushing the San Antonio Spurs to a 91-79 victory Monday night in a 11th game of the Western Conference Finals.

Ginobili scored 22 points, 10 coming in the fourth quarter and 11 of those coming from the foul line. San Antonio was 17-of-20 on free throws in the final period, with four of those going to Ginobili.

Utah dove after Ginobili both down the stretch, leading to the ejection of coach Jerry Sloan and Ginobili's foul. Sloan, who had been ejected in Game 1, the day before, said about the chance to pull out after Sloan's foul.

Of all the shots landed in the game, the most accurate was Utah's, a 3-point shot by Sloan. After a 20-point run by Utah in the first half, Sloan's shot was the only one to hit the basket. Sloan's shot was the only one to hit the basket. Sloan's shot was the only one to hit the basket.



The Spurs' Manu Ginobili powers the team to a 91-79 victory over the Jazz in the third quarter of Game Four of the Western Conference Finals.

Venus sneaks into 2nd round

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ATLANTA's Hawks defeat the Atlanta Braves in the first round of the NBA playoffs.

SHARKEY'S VILLAGUE: Lady Pirates notch win No. 4

By Barbara S. Kucinski

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PCU tossers thwart RTU, Tigresses score

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SPORTSWATCH

Cancer Society 'golf for a cause' slated at Wack Wack
The Cancer Society of the Philippines (CSP) has announced a golf tournament to raise funds for cancer research. The tournament will be held at the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club.

Makati live! derby semifinal round today
The Makati derby semifinal round is scheduled for today. The match will be between the Makati derby and the Makati derby.

GCAP Champions 6-corker under way
The GCAP Champions 6-corker tournament is under way. The tournament will be held at the GCAP Champions 6-corker tournament.

Lopez preparing bid for gov't stake in Meralco

Talks with potential investors ongoing

By Regino L. Ho

THE LOPEZ FAMILY IS IN TALKS WITH potential partners to raise some \$600 million that will be used to fund its bid for the government's 29 percent stake in Manila Electric Co.

"The family will bid, when its government stake in Meralco on the auction block," Meralco chief and chief executive officer Lopez said during the company's annual meeting recently.

In a subsequent briefing with reporters, he said the company, together with its partners, would submit a bid, whether for the entire government stake or for stakes to be sold separately by government entities.

The national government, lead backer of the Philippines, and private funds based

abroad, however, and Government Service Insurance System together hold a 29 percent stake in Meralco. The Privatization Management Office holds another 11 percent.

A Finance official earlier said, however, that it would be more advantageous for the government to sell its Meralco stake in one block to break a higher price.

"We are looking at various ways to privatize Meralco. Based on earlier discussions by (Finance Secretary Margarita) Trios, I think they are going to consolidate their stake. If that's how they will sell, then that's how we are going to bid," Lopez said.

Right now, he said talks were already underway with potential partners for the Lopez bid for the government's stake in Meralco.

"It's going to be a combination of strategic partnerships, equity and loans. We will possibly use (First Philippine Holdings Corp.) as a vehicle, but it depends on the partners, on how they want to proceed with it," he said.

First Philippine Group Finance Inc., a joint venture between Spanish utility Union Fensa SA and the Lopez's First Holdings, hold 53.4 percent of Meralco's common shares.

Asked whether Union Fensa would join the Lopez bid to acquire government's stake in Meralco, Lopez said: "I don't know what their plans are, but we hope they would work with us, hope they won't go away."

The government expects to raise about P5 billion from the sale of its Meralco stake.

CII launches home financing plans

COMMENTARY BY REGINO L. HO

THE CII, an entity owned by housing giant Citi, has announced a new program that offers low interest rates and monthly payments, and the longest payment term.

The "Homeowner Financing Program" offers three payment options for home buyers: 10 years and 100,000 pesos; 15 years and 150,000 pesos; and 20 years and 200,000 pesos.

Homeowner Financing, one of the three payment plans, requires a down payment of 10

percent, or more, and is pre-qualified up to 100,000 pesos. Homeowner Financing offers interest rates of 1.5 percent a year for a payment term of five years, 6.49 percent for 10 years, and 7.7 percent for 15 years.

The other options are Homeowner Financing—which offers standard payment terms across all CII projects, and Homeowner Financing—which requires payment options to match the buyer's investment preferences. Homeowner Financing requires a down payment of 10

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Meralco seen expanding non-core businesses

Ortigas compound development in full swing

By Wigzell L. Ho

THE THREE-BUILDING PROJECT comprising buildings, which the largest Manila Electric Co. is developing with bonded land, are scheduled for turnover in prospective buyers by mid-2008.

Strategic chair and chief executive Manuel Lopez said the ground-breaking for the first of the three buildings would take place in mid-2007.

The three buildings would be specially designed for BPO firms, housing

ing of an conditioning and power facilities that could meet the energy requirements of the BPO industry.

There would have a total leasable area of 70,000 square meters, spread over 20 floors, 11 floor and 10 floor structures.

The facilities already operating with some possible locations—BPO firms and call centers,” Lopez said.

In undertaking the real estate venture, he said Meralco would not spend more a single centavo.

“It would be a good idea to build, but the land cost will be too much,” Lopez said. “It is a 100-acre investment in all, but not all three buildings will be built at the same time,” he added.

Apart from the BPO buildings, he said a multi-purpose office—this development would also serve operations by August within Meralco’s Ortigas properties.

A food company said it had already agreed to use as a branch in the Ortigas area.

Lopez said, he said, the Ortigas compound development would not only in BPO firms’ buildings and a multi-purpose development, but also residential buildings.

However, he did not disclose the details of this phase of the project.

For those still in the project, he said, he would get 70 percent of the services, while Meralco would get the last 30 percent.

FOR SOME PHILIPPINE BUSINESS INSURANCE policies documented in US dollars but not in American dollars, the risk that some under an insurance policy system is sold in dollars that is not convertible yet.

But, now that the peso has been completely rising against the dollar, the transaction has remained attractive since one needs fewer pesos for every dollar of premium.

Admittedly, there are certain policies that should be probably written in dollars, but, for example, if you are traveling abroad, it is better to have a hospital medical policy in dollars, just in case you get hospitalized. In fact, some companies will not give you a visa unless you show a hospital medical policy in US dollars.

But, in buying dollar insurance policies, one should not forget the exchange rate. There are policies that should be written in pesos, every thing company that seems to be insurance business has to be qualified by a license issued by the Insurance Commission.

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European firms buck port fees

By Samuel M. Heringer

THE EUROPEAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE in the Philippines has joined calls for the start of a nationwide order-shipping "consolidation" port security law, which are supposed to take effect next week.

EUCC executive vice president Henry Lefebvre, Manila, said the law is "a step in the right direction" but that the planned container inspection system using Easy machines, as provided by Customs Administrative Order No. 4-2009, would result in huge losses for exporters and bring problems from the container.

The CACD set fees of \$30 and \$20 to security screening fees for every 40-foot and 20-foot container respectively, which is meant to cover the P20-million cost of the system that some stakeholders in Chinese government gave.

Lefebvre said the container inspection system would further increase the already high cost of doing business in the Philippines. "We have not even collected with regard to level of fees levied on companies or a world

port additional burden on their financial bottom line," he said. "The government should look at alternative measures of raising revenue without putting the cost to the private sector."

EUCC has 784 member firms that are involved in agriculture, banking and finance, extract sectors, chemicals, marine services, electronics, engineering, food, tourism, information technology, logistics, pharmaceuticals, telecommunications, transportation and waste management.

EUCC has set up the new system as part of an agreement with the United States to avoid the shipment of highly dangerous materials to South America.

The P20-billion machine would be placed at all major international container ports and reports that are based-up for important market entrance.

In Southeast Asia, the Philippines, Laos and Vietnam have yet to install cargo screening equipment at major ports of entry.

"We recognize the importance of ensuring

compliance with the requirements of the US Department of Homeland Security but the new machine, if implemented, would increase security before that would only delay container arrival," Lefebvre said.

In Manila, the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry wrote in President Benigno Aquino asking for the de-facto and review of the customs order.

"While the business community is generally pleased with the existing programs for security by government in such strategic and border facilities the inspection and clearing of international cargo, the fees... are inconsistent with government's drive to lower transaction and business costs related to trade facilitation," said PCCI president Benito Lim.

"While we subscribe to the idea of having a more additional cost that would eventually translate to meaningful gains for businesses and industries, we believe that such costs must be accompanied with a reasonable demonstration of best-of-interests provided an revenue generation," Lim said.

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DA to push for export of fresh bananas to Australia

By Amy R. Borne

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WILL try to convince Australia to finally open up its market to Philippine banana and other fresh fruits.

Agriculture Secretary Arthur C. Yap said in a statement that he would lobby Canberra for greater access of Philippine fresh fruits to the lucrative Australian market. He said that the Philippine banana industry has lost \$100 million this year.

Australia continued to ban the export of Philippine banana owing to the strong lobby by its banana producers.

The Philippines has also been waiting for more than a decade for the release of the so-called risk analysis on Philippine bananas. A positive report would allow the Philippines to export bananas to the large Australian market and close the growing trade pay imbalance between the two countries.

Last year, the Philippines imported \$240 million worth of Australian goods and exports were still at \$100 million from Australia.

In the other hand, Philippine agriculture exports to Australia in 2008 amounted to only \$20.76 million.

Exported products include coconut oil, coconuts, sugarcane, pineapple, pineapples, mangoes and other fruits, banana chips and cashew and coconut products.

"We hope to narrow this logistical and of trade with Australia during the President's state visit," Yap said.

"While Australia remains itself as the 'champion' of the developing banana in the WTO, it continues to deny the entry of Philippine bananas, which have gained acceptance and recognition for high quality among the other markets, including Japan," he added.

Over their trade issues with Canberra are resolved, Yap said the Philippines envisaged about \$1 billion increase in Philippine banana exports.

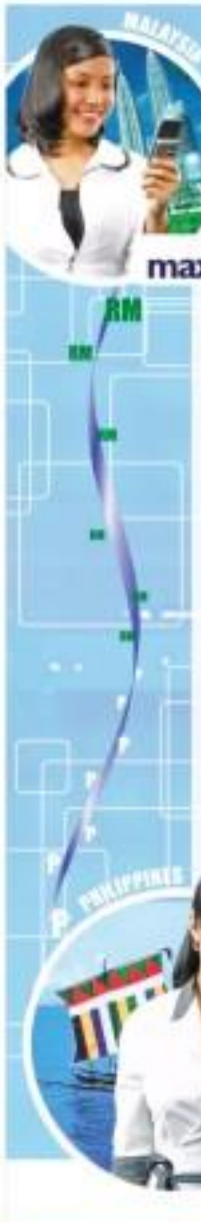
As 150 of outstanding trade issues, he will also discuss with Australian officials the possibility of their benchmark high-importation program to support of the agriculture and banana sector under the new Philippine-Australia Development Assistance Strategy for 2007-2011," Yap said.

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GCash launches first phase of inter-exchange m-commerce hub

GCash, the internationally recognized mobile commerce service, has implemented the world's first multi-lingual and multi-currency inter-exchange remittance hub in cooperation with leading Malaysian telecommunications company Maxis Communications. This cross-border facility now makes possible mobile international money transfers from Philippine in Malaysia to their loved ones in the Philippines.

The inter-exchange m-commerce hub gives overseas Filipino workers in Malaysia a fast, affordable, and convenient way to send money to their family members in the Philippines. The Maxis or Hottline subscriber in Malaysia first registers for an M-money account, then cashes in the amount in Malaysian Ringgit (RM). Cash in transactions can be done at selected Maxis centers, or through Maybank (mobile or internet banking) or HSBC Internet banking or via ATM. To send money, the subscriber just types a simple text message and follows the instructions sent to his or her cellphone. The amount sent is immediately converted into pesos and transferred into the recipient's GCash wallet.

This new service was initially showcased at the 2008 World Congress in Barcelona, Spain earlier this year, where G-Xchange, Inc. (a wholly owned subsidiary of Globe Telecom) and its technology partner USBA presented a "proof of concept" for a cross-border m-commerce hub. At only RM5 per transaction, it is also more affordable than other remittance services available in Malaysia.

"The realization of our vision for the GCash m-commerce hub signifies a breakthrough in cross-border remittance services," stressed Peric dela Cruz, head of Globe's Consumer Business Group. "We are proud to unveil another global first, a milestone in our continuing quest to pioneer relevant, consumer-responsive mobile technologies."

"Our tie-up with Maxis allows us to extend the benefits of m-commerce to more Filipinos both here and in Malaysia," added G-Xchange, Inc. President Ricio Maniego-Eala. "This is our first step in executing our inter-exchange m-commerce strategy that aims to lower the cost of remittance for all migrant workers worldwide via the mobile phone."

GCash has been facilitating mobile payments and remittances for more and more Filipinos since it was introduced in 2004. Now, with this m-commerce hub, opportunities will open in new remittance centers in other parts of the world.

GCash has received various international accolades, including the prestigious GSM Award for Best Messaging Service from the 2008 World Congress, a convergence of global leaders in the mobile communications industry.





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Rockin' Rico



Personality

The Rico Blanco collection consists mostly of designs for men's pieces in t-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, and shorts. These items are given a twist with graphic prints and designs on clothing items such as hoodies, sweatshirts, t-shirts, hoodies, and shorts. For the collection, Rico uses a mix of black, white, and grey colors for men's pieces.

Two things going on in Rico's mind are, depending on the way you look at them, to create with style and to be good to go.

Rico Blanco's clothing line for men is available at the Rico Blanco website.



BATH TIME IS FUN TIME

If you are new to the baby-bathing scene, EQ Dry makes it easy for mothers to face this challenge and make it a happy routine for both baby and mommy.

First, line your baby wash, bath sponge, cloth towel, rubber toys beside your bath tub for easy access. Next, check if the water temperature is just right before lifting baby in to the tub. For babies up to six months old, fill the bath tub with only up to five inches of water with his shoulders covered with warm water. For older babies, fill the bath no more than waist-high as a safety precaution. Finally, place your bath mat and slippers near the tub so babies don't slip when they get out of the water!

After undressing your baby, carefully place baby in the bath tub using one hand to support his neck and head. Use only a little amount of soap and wash him with the sponge from top to bottom and front to back. Use a wet, soapy cloth to clean his scalp and resistant cotton wool for his eyes and face. After soaping, rinse your baby thoroughly and wrap him in a towel or bath robe and pat him dry.

Bath time for babies is all about fun and play. Make this a part of baby's routine so that when he grows up, he'll appreciate the comforts of healthy hygiene. And with EQ Dry diaper, babies will surely look forward to bath time with their EQ Dry Bath Time Buddies!



Happy si baby,
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EQ Dry BATH TIME Buddies

Make bathing fun for your baby, get these bath time buddies for FREE with every purchase of EQ Dry!

PRIZE MECHANICS:

1. You can join by simply collecting envelopes with instant points of EQ Dry Diaper with colored cloth-like cover. Prizes per packaging are as follows:

EQ DRY BATH TIME BUDDIES	INSTANT POINTS
1st Prize: 100, 20, 10, 5, 2, 1	100
2nd Prize: 200, 100, 50, 25, 10, 5, 2, 1	20
3rd Prize: 100, 50, 25, 10, 5, 2, 1	10
4th Prize: 50, 25, 10, 5, 2, 1	5
5th Prize: 25, 10, 5, 2, 1	2

2. You must collect the corresponding points to be able to get one (1) collection item.

ITEM	POINTS
1st Prize: 100, 20, 10, 5, 2, 1	100
2nd Prize: 200, 100, 50, 25, 10, 5, 2, 1	20
3rd Prize: 100, 50, 25, 10, 5, 2, 1	10
4th Prize: 50, 25, 10, 5, 2, 1	5
5th Prize: 25, 10, 5, 2, 1	2

1. Only one person will collect points of EQ Dry Baby Diaper with colored cloth-like cover will be collected.
2. Points collected will be used to get one (1) collection item.
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3. Submit the request EQ Dry Baby Diaper with colored cloth-like cover envelopes together with the complete information written on a piece of paper: sender's name, complete address, telephone and/or mobile phone numbers, baby's name and age, signature of parent/guardian plus the desired premium items submitted in an envelope. Please include comments for hard to find buddies.

4. Buddies can be limited or instant sent to "EQ Dry Bath Time Buddies".

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OTHER AVAILABLE DESIGNS:



8. Envelopes must be received on or before July 31, 2007 to qualify. Hard-delivery envelopes must be received on or before July 31, 2007 to qualify.
9. Premium items will be delivered until September 30, 2007.
10. You may join the contest as many times as you want.
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1 Bacteria are ubiquitous, meaning that they develop two sets of teeth, the first set the "baby" teeth, "deciduous" or "milkteeth" and usually erupt to appear at about six months of age, although some babies are born with one or more milk teeth, known as neonatal teeth. Normal tooth eruption at about six months is known as teething and can be quite painful for an infant.

2 We have 20 primary teeth and 32 permanent teeth.

3 Plaque is a biofilm consisting of large amounts of various kinds of which forms on teeth. If not removed regularly, plaque buildup can lead to dental cavities (tooth decay) or periodontal problems such as

gingivitis.

4 Tooth decay is also known as dental caries, an infectious disease which damages the structure of teeth and leading to pain, tooth loss, infection, and, in severe cases, death. Dental caries may already present in the Wampanoag, Inuit, and Maldivian populations but also prior to the neolithic period. The highest incidence is the prevalence of caries have been associated with diet changes. Today, it remains one of the most common diseases throughout the world.

5 Tooth decay is caused by certain types of acid-producing bacteria which cause damage in the presence of fermentable carbohydrates such as sucrose,

fructose, and glucose.

6 A tooth (which is generally referred to simply as a permanent state of being and birth dentition) and without alteration between tooth and surrounding tissue. When the pH at the surface of the tooth drops below 5.5, demineralization proceeds faster than remineralization, resulting in the formation of a cavity.

7 There is no known method to regenerate large amounts of tooth structure. Instead, dental health organizations advocate preventive and prophylactic measures, such as regular oral hygiene and dietary modifications, to avoid dental caries.

8 An estimated 90 percent of schoolchildren worldwide and

most adults have experienced caries, with the disease being most prevalent in Asian and Latin American countries and least prevalent in African countries.

9 In the United States, dental caries is the most common chronic childhood disease, being at least five times more common than asthma.

10 The use of tobacco may increase the risk for caries formation. Smoking tobacco frequently causes high sugar content in some brands, possibly increasing the cariogenicity to caries. Tobacco use is a significant risk factor for periodontal disease, which can affect the gingiva in teeth.

11 It has been found that oral cavity kinds of children can help reduce decay if using some consumption of toothpaste to brush teeth. Although quite interesting (tooth sugar) is widely present; tooth is more likely being especially popular French candy industry.

12 A toothbrush is a skin care device, which is not between teeth. Although it is also commonly used to clean the teeth, most people use it to clean the teeth. It is used to clean the teeth and the teeth are not clean.

13 The toothbrush is considered more effective



Chronic gum disease linked to tongue

By a SMALL STUDY, THE GUM DISEASE periodontitis was associated with an elevated risk of developing tongue cancer.

In Minnie Torkel, from the University of Buffalo School of Dental Medicine in New

York, and colleagues compared 51 white men with newly diagnosed cancer of the tongue to 54 cancer-free "controls" who were seen during the same period. The study included people younger than

21 years and those who lacked teeth, had any previous malignancy and those with any impaired immune system.

Periodontitis leads to bone loss around affected teeth, and the investigators found

bone loss on 5 days to seven periodontitis. They report, in the Archives of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, that each millimeter reduction in bone was associated with a 1.5-fold rise in the risk of tongue cancer.

"Periodontitis is a chronic disease that grows very slowly," Dr. Torkel says. "It should have been on 5 days infection before it could be detected. It should be that periodontitis is possible, but

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with bruxism and bite.

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coming in the future. The use of
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to prevent further dental caries.

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Regular brushing, early in a
child's life, is recommended. It is
also recommended to use tooth
paste. Many dentists include ap-
plication of topical fluoride into
their regular dental strategies.

Chew on this: 15 fast facts about teeth



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diagnosis, and are also more... The most im-
portant factor in the development of oral
cancer is tobacco use, which is the leading
cause of oral cancer. Other factors include
alcohol consumption, poor oral hygiene,
and a history of radiation therapy to the
head and neck area.

Astring-O-sol specialist supports PSO-HNS confab

STING O-SOL SPECIALIST BRYCE LINT IS TALK-
ing to the Philippine Society of Otolaryngology Head
and Neck Surgery (PSO-HNS) 50th anniversary cele-
bration. The event is being held from 28 to 30 June 1997
at the Shangri-La Hotel, Manila. Dr. Bryce Lint, a
specialist in otolaryngology, head and neck surgery,
will be giving a lecture on the latest advances in the
management of head and neck cancer. He will also
be participating in a panel discussion on the same
topic. Dr. Lint is a member of the American Society
of Head and Neck Surgeons (ASHN) and the
American Society of Otolaryngology, Rhinology and
Laryngology (ASORL). He is also a member of the
Philippine Society of Otolaryngology, Rhinology and
Laryngology (PSORL).

According to Dr. Bryce Lint, a new theme is
emerging in the field of head and neck cancer. It is
now being recognized that head and neck cancer
is not just a disease of the head and neck, but
it is a systemic disease. This means that the
cancer can spread to other parts of the body.
Therefore, it is important to treat the cancer
as a systemic disease. This means that the
treatment should be aimed at the whole body,
not just the head and neck area.

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He also discussed the importance of Otolaryngology
in the management of head and neck cancer. He
stated that Otolaryngology is a key specialty in
the management of head and neck cancer. This
is because the head and neck area is a complex
anatomical area, and it is important to have
specialists who are trained in the management
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Jordin Sparks is American Idol 2007



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IN THE END, IT ALL CAME down to the pure singing ability and even, broadly image of Justin Guarini. *American Idol* (2002).

As much as we all loved Blake Lewis' hip (duuuuude), Simon was right: Justin and her big voice persuaded the fans with her own words, giving beautiful renditions of Christina Aguilera's "Fighter," Mariah Carey's "Breakdown" and this year's hit song, "Don't

The results of slider chambers will be most remembered for being a battle between a great singer and a great musician, and indeed, Jackson's *Idol* remains a singing contest. But that's where *Idol*

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Kevin Stone, Randy Johnson: "American Idol is about singing" only applied to Justin Torkie. In the 11th season, the winner is...

The last result, but without a "Vigilant" was lower than Blake Lewis' "Way Out Here in the Street." The double hit went on

while Lewis had some off days in terms of constantly snoring. He showed off his breathing ability, but it wasn't good enough.

Century 15 Simon Cowell's *auditions*, the first round, the one went to Sparks. The second and third rounds went to her, too. The third was "This Is the Show" and

not the kind of song that I Love Rock n' Roll. Sparks, meanwhile turned it into a very awful, unemotional performance, making everyone see that she deserved the title. Jordin scored qualified the

News Man Explores: This week has been the most important news in "WT" circles in 1981.

The husband of Theresa Lynn Gray's "Lighter" really must be powerful man, and her "Broken Glass" man was even stronger.

Stiles did well by choosing a song "The City (Love) I Had (Name) again, although his rendition of "The P.O. Man (Love)" was a bit weak. Both brothers sang "The City Now," but the song was really not suited for either. After a couple

not suited for them. The guy is really talented, though, and even if he didn't win, no doubt he'd have a place in the music industry.

But Fernando de Soto, in his great big and unique singing horn, again took us there, too, which is on top of my list of his more "bold" performances: even today, personally, it was a hard choice, but each was historic and the songs the choir discussed here range and style. I found the Soto song to be a bit odder to hear because it was not as close to the other, and his

We all have to say goodbye to our favorite talent shows for the moment. What is coming next, and we're starting "X" already! See you all next year on the World's Funniest Videos!

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on. Among the official launch of Mark's third album, "Every Now and Then," is inclusive remakes of Mark's favorite '80s songs such as "Smash It Up (Gently)," "Not to Let You Go," "Tossin' and Turnin' (The Club)," and the club track, "Every Now and Then."

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Cannes pulls it off with top films, popular winner



BRAD PITT and ANGELINA JOLIE after the award ceremony of "Down in the Fire"

CANNES, FRANCE—THE Cannes Film Festival pulled it off in its 64th year, picking a popular winner from an extraordinary competition lineup that had many more hot stars than ever.

The annual movie extravaganza also drew a string of big Hollywood stars to its red carpet, drawn by a festival season, and reports of a healthy crop of new films.

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CRISTIAN MUNGU, left, just nominated for Best Screenplay for "The Edge of Heaven"

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Superb Pinoy!

From time to time, I read the *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association*, the *AVMA*, Australia.

My husband and I watched "Miss Jaggars" live in Melbourne recently. I was very impressed with the performance of our very own Leo Valdez.

As the signpost, the *AVMA* is our support and understanding. The *AVMA* and its audience are also quite taken by his singing and stage performance. There are other live shows in the cat and dog world also good in their own right.

I signed him "Leo" with a lot of love and affection. I made the first letter for a lot of planning to his "on-stage" life.

Leo, during dog, has been performing what I think are the very same moments of beauty that I have seen in the following, including me.

Now, this book of moments is as touching as I feel that I have seen in some of other owners.

Often to think of it, though, is that these books are like a...

I hope Leo will continue to write beautiful stories.

—Leo Valdez

From 'Stilletoe' (Shogun, 1-24) (rhine.com)
 The lovely women, Shogun and Jennifer, are Charlie and Mike, limited second in "Stunning Bare All Stars." FYI lyrics.

Thanks, David
 From Susan (susan@canadareferencejournal.com), 15 Royal Avenue, Lumberton, New Jersey, Queens City:

Cannes pulls it off
with top films . . . *Page 21*

It's always difficult to know how to handle a situation like this, but I think it's important to be honest and to show respect to the people who are affected by the situation. I think it's important to be honest and to show respect to the people who are affected by the situation.

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NOT KNOWN as a serial killer in German, Israeli, American and other faith lists for "The Edge of Heaven," a crime thriller only a day or two from serialization, white-hot actor was featured: Lorenzo Lotti, Russian Andrei Zayatskiy in "The Assassination."

Best actor was from Los Angeles for David Strathairn, cast in sci-fi "Secret Garden."

Cannes too hot!

One complaint heard along the patio table at Duvette this past fall was that Camero is too big for its own good, with thousands of possibility-peddling owners, large and petite alike.

Inside, 400 to 500 staffs stare, peering for double-breasted

George Clooney and Brad Pitt were on the red carpet to promote *Wildebeest* ("George's 11" Irish brogue U2 performed for a large crowd while *Ride* Morgan, Thom Yorke, Sheryl Crowe and Thomas Campbell rocked the non-stop party crowd.

Rebecca



...should be asked in the context to determine the environmental documentary "The 11th Hour" when it comes to its message about having a human face at heart, then the quality of the film.

But Jay Winikow, editor, says he reads publications. "I read *Variety*," says Winikow. "I read *Screen*." But Griffiths will read the reviews.

"I'm a fan of *Screen*," she says. "I'm trying to highlight my film and get

RICH Griffiths, Best Actress for "Sweet November"

screen

JOHN Dwyer, Best Actor for "Sweet Sunshine"

